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For: COMPOUND HAVING PHENYLACETYLENE STRUCTURE, LIQUID CRYSTAL  
COMPOSITION, POLYMER, OPTICALLY ANISOTROPIC PRODUCT, OPTICAL  
OR LIQUID CRYSTAL ELEMENT, DIBENZOTHIOPHENE COMPOUND, INTERMEDIATE,  
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

☒ A specification consisting of 176 pages

☐ sheet(s) of ☐ drawings

☒ An assignment of the invention - \$40.00 Recording Fee

☒ Certified copy of Priority Document(s)

☒ Executed Declaration ☒ Original ☐ Photocopy

☐ Applicant claims small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27

☐ Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.76

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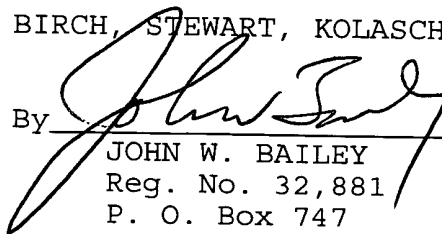
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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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JAPAN	2001-33782	02/09/01
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JAPAN	2001-52954	02/27/01

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